

4615. Adulteration of chestnuts. U. S. * * * v. 23 Bags of Chestnuts. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 6953. I. S. No. 1925-1. S. No. E-438.)

On October 25, 1915, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 23 bags of chestnuts, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped and transported from the State of Virginia into the State of New York, the shipment arriving on or about October 22, 1915, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in particular [part] of a partially filthy, decomposed, and putrid vegetable substance, to wit, wormy and moldy chestnuts.

On November 16, 1915, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*